

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2nd, 2026

"They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full." Matthew 14:20,

Join us for a
★ ONE DAY ★
CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY
AUGUST
8TH

★ 5PM – 11PM ★

★ AN EVENING OF FAITH, COMMUNITY & FUN FOR ALL! ★

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SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Livestream 5:00 PM and 9:30 AM

DAILY LITURGY

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY LITURGY

See page 9 of the bulletin

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesdays

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Baptisms...First time parents at

St. Michael must attend a Baptism

Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

Marriage....The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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Hearts that Change are Hearts that Live. To change someone's heart is to change the motives that fuel the way they live their life. Doing this is a nearly impossible task. Sure, people do change, but in all honesty real deep change, a change of heart (motive) is the stuff of conversion, and this is the work of God, not people. People can inspire, but only God can enact the change in a person willing to allow Him to act.

Throughout Jesus' ministry He has one goal in mind: to change people's hearts, to turn them towards God. He is clear in His preaching that this "change" is not merely intellectual, but it is a change in how one acts as well. The gospel story demonstrates this willingness to change on the part of Jesus first, then the disciples and finally the crowd.

Jesus is seeking some time away, but the crowd follows Him. He responds not in anger or irritation, but in surrender and love. The disciples on the other hand want the people to go away after Jesus is finished teaching. But Jesus insists that they now follow His lead and surrender and give over what little they have to feed the people. He expects them to act on the faith they have in Him and God's Word. They are to be examples to the crowd, in the pattern He has set, giving even the little they have so all can be fed.

Jesus wanted them to be open to God's power, a power that could change their hearts. He wanted them to embrace a conversion, to trust God as Jesus did. In their conversion (the offering of their five loaves and two fish) others were encouraged and challenged to act on Jesus' words that they just heard.

It is important to keep in mind that in Jesus' day you did not travel very far from home without some food and water. There were no vending machines or rest areas along the route. Thus, those who came out into the countryside to hear Jesus undoubtedly brought something. But because of the distance and the late hour, some of what had been brought was surely already gone. Yet, if they pooled their resources they could all be fed. But changing fearful and selfish hearts is impossible for mere mortals. So, Jesus begins the process. Leaning on the disciples, He demonstrates the breaking of the bread and so the breaking also of the bonds of fear and selfishness that hold the people around Him close to starvation. God's Word expects a response from you and me as it did from the people on that day. They needed to respond to Jesus, beginning with the disciples. And what a response it was — for out of Jesus' power to change hearts food appeared, enough for everyone and more.

When we know in our heart that God always gives us enough of everything, we can always share. Our sharing provides us with two important insights. First, that together with other people sharing their treasures we always have enough — there is strength in our sharing, and indeed in the end we will even have leftovers. Second, we come to know even more deeply how gifted we are even in our difficulties. Our Faith, Families and Future Stewardship campaign is a concrete example of this principle at work. What looks like a daunting task more than any one of us could afford is very doable when we are open to sharing what little we have to make big dreams possible. It is God who moves our hearts in this way, God who gives us the courage to give.

Jesus trusted in God and was given strength to give even when He wanted to be alone, to give even when He saw the cross. We who so eagerly want to hear His word must act upon it trusting that we can give of our talents, time and treasures. Our trust will not be unfounded. Like the disciples through the power of Jesus, you and I together will produce enough for all and surprise ourselves with leftovers too.

Festival Day 2026. The day is fast approaching. The next Saturday Mass will be at 4:00 PM; consequently confessions will be from 2:30-3:30 PM. The Festival Day will begin at 5:00 PM. Great food, fun activities for the kids, the beer garden, entertainment, bingo, pull tabs, and of course the Mega Raffle. Come out for a fun evening. Bring a friend or neighbor. Invite an alumni parishioner back for the fun. A new layout of the grounds allows for near total protection from any inclement weather. See you there next Saturday, August 8.

Eucharistic Adoration

“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!” - Mother Teresa
Wednesdays, 1 - 4 PM in the Chapel.



St. Michael Ministries

Have you considered joining a ministry at St. Michael Parish? There are over 32 ministries where you can use your time, talent, and treasure in the Name of Jesus.



Marian Devotions

The next Marian Devotion is next Sunday, August 9 at 7:45 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

Festival Day: Mass Time Change

Due to our Parish Festival, the regular 5:00 PM Saturday Mass will be at 4:00 PM on August 8.

Ministry Profile

Meet Marty!



Marty Lucas
Cross Bearer

For the past 16 years, Marty Lucas has been a faithful parishioner of St. Michael Parish, where he and his wife, Shari, have built a strong connection to the parish community. Married for 27 years, they were also proud to have their daughter, Julia, graduate from St. Michael School several years ago.

Marty serves in the Cross Bearer ministry, a role he embraced after being invited by Steve Sieracki. Grateful for the opportunity, Marty saw it as a meaningful way to become more connected to the Mass and deepen his faith experience.

As a cross bearer, Marty leads the procession into and out of Mass and especially values standing at the back of church afterward, allowing parishioners the opportunity to reverence the cross. Through this ministry, he has become more mindful of living a Christian life each day and appreciates the sense of purpose and connection it brings.

Marty warmly encourages others not to be shy about getting involved in parish ministry. He shares that serving is a wonderful way to support the parish, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships within the church community.

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AUGUST 22, 2026

Porter County Expo Center

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Tom Bullock, Joan Hamnik, Karla Lesko, Carol Clark, Allen Girus, Rhonda Kelly, Lynn Fesenmyer, Audrey Weber, Carol Good, Katherine Cullinane, Geraldine Heintz, Nicole Villanueva, Dennis Walker, Sandra Walker, Rina Testolin, Timothy Bunchek, Tom Swanson, Leo Paratore, Shannon Gallas, Donna Saber, Sherry Lazzaro, Ken Anderson, Ruth Sarros, "Mick" Adamsom, Marlene Townsend, Thomas Boney, Charlie Bandera, Joan Hamnik, George Ristich, Helen Kwaitkowski, Krista Bane, Gerry Scheub, Tom Matz, Andy Manahan, Jennifer Engel, and all those in need of the healing touch of God. Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding the Pray for the Sick List. St. Michael parishioners are in bold, italic print.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED...CAN YOU HELP?

The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Pencils, crayons, folders, back packs, printing paper, notebooks, glue sticks, pens, scissors, hand sanitizer, children's scissors and learning to print lined paper are just a few items needed. Items will be collected between July 12 and August 2 near the chest in the Gathering Space. As always, we appreciate your generosity and we sincerely thank you for your support!



For Those Who Have Died...

Theresa Graziani

Life has changed, not ended.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Jacob Anthony Flores, Jr

Goldie Lane Bonk

WHEEL CHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

The St. Michael Wheelchair Ramp Ministry installed its 117th ramp for Connie Hernandez. Connie was involved in many ministries at St. Michael including RCIA / OCIA, Catechist, and Lector ministries. This ramp was a dual installation with a ramp off the bedroom to their screened in porch, and the main ramp installation at the front door.

If you would like to participate in this ministry in any way please contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505. If you know of anyone who may benefit from our services please have them contact Catholic Charities at outreach@catholic-charities.org or call 219-886-3549 and ask for Daniela Ocanas.



Education and Formation

Did You Know...? Faith Formation Starts in 1st Grade!

Children 6–7 years old are enthusiastic to learn, enjoy stories, games, and are eager to connect with their peers. We create an environment that builds a warm welcoming spirit, allowing room for learning and spiritual growth. The office will now be open: Tuesday ~ Thursday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE TODAY AT 219-322-3077 TO REGISTER YOUR 1st GRADER FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome
BACK
TO
SCHOOL
Event

**Monday, August 17th
4-6pm**

Come join us at school to drop off your school supplies, enjoy some Kona Ice, and shop at the Book Fair!

Preschool Orientation
3:45pm in the school gym (Door A)



FEST VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Our Fest Day is almost here, Saturday 8/8 ~ 5:00 - 11:00 PM We are still in need of your help!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of activities, including Grounds Set Up (6:00 PM Tuesday -Friday); Kids-Zone (7:30 - 10:00 PM); Pull Tabs, Bake Sale, Food Booth (7:00 - 9:00 PM or 9:00 - 11:00 PM); Groundskeeping (8:30 -11:00 PM), Grounds Take Down (9:00 AM Sunday) and more. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to earn service hours.

To volunteer, please contact:

Jill Hartog: 219-381-9913 jmhartog@comcast.net

Lynn Schmitt: 219-306-1774 schmitt0826@gmail.com

Beer Garden/Bar: To volunteer please contact David 708-912-1340 (must be 21 years of age, have a valid bartender license or be willing to apply for a Volunteer Employee Permit license)

We thank you for your willingness to serve—we couldn't do it without you!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Share your favorite homemade treats and help make our Parish Bake Sale a sweet success!

We invite all parishioners to donate baked goods, which may be dropped off on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Please label your items with the name of the baked good and clearly indicate whether they contain nuts or are nut-free. Please call Cheryl at 219-865-1495 with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL FOOD BOOTH

Food Booth Tickets Required

Plan Ahead

**CHECK OUT
FESTIVAL FAVORITES**



**OPEN TO
ALL!**



Join us for a
**ONE DAY
CELEBRATION!**

**AUGUST
8TH
5 PM - 11 PM**

Corn Hole Tournament

Day of Registration Only

Booth opens at 3pm

Registration closes at 5:30pm

Tournament starts at 6pm

Double Elimination Tournament

\$40 a Team

**Register at the
Ticket Booth.**

50/50 Prize • Limited to the first 16 Teams • Cash Only • Must be 14 or older

HELP OTHERS DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY

During the Parish Festival, our ministries will be showcased in the Gathering Space.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help parishioners learn more about your ministry and discover ways they can become involved. Each participating ministry will receive space for a table to decorate with information, photos, displays, or other items that highlight what the ministry does and how to join.

Setup will take place on Saturday, August 8, before the 4:00 PM Mass.

To reserve a table or learn more, please contact Bob Solorio at 708-287-9833.



Join us for a
★ **ONE DAY** ★
CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY
AUGUST
8TH

★ **5PM – 11PM** ★

★ **\$100K Mega Raffle LIVE Drawing at 9 PM!** ★



Live Music

**LITTLE
GIANT**
at 6:30 pm



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ZONE**



**INDOOR
BINGO**



BEER GARDEN

Must be 21 or older,
wristband required.
Purchase Tickets at
Ticket Booth.

Important Information You Should Know!

1



TICKET BOOTH

Cash or credit card
accepted for food
and drink tickets,
Kid Zone wristbands,
and Corn Hole
Tournament sign-up.

Corn Hole \$40 per Team!

2



FOOD TENT & DESSERTS

St. Michael
Food Tent:
tickets only.

Food Truck Vendors:
cash and/or
credit card accepted.

3



KID ZONE WRISTBAND

\$25.00

Includes all
kid activities.

One wristband gives
access to all Kid Zone
activities throughout
the festival.

4



CASH ONLY AREAS

Bingo and
pull tabs:
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There are towers available on either side of the main aisle in church to place your Sunday donations. We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday July 26, 2026

Adult Collection - \$15,702.00
Children's Collection - \$96.60
Loose Collection - \$788.15
EFT's - \$3,205.94

**Total Weekly Offering
\$19,792.69**

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, Before and After All Masses, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Vietnamese Confessions and Mass, 5:00 PM, Church
Vietnamese Reception, 7:00 PM, SPH

**The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass
except Tuesday-after OLPH Devotions**

MONDAY AUGUST 3

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY AUGUST 4

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, After 7:00 AM Mass, Chapel
Labors of Love, 10:00 AM, SPH
Our Lady of Guadalupe Meeting, 6:00 PM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Chapel

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

Set Up for Fest, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Parish Grounds

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

Confession, 2:30 - 3:30 PM, Chapel
Parish Festival, 5:00 - 11:00 PM, Parish Grounds
Mega Raffle Drawing, 9:00 PM, SPH

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

OCIA, 9:30 AM, SE and SW Rooms
Marian Devotions, 7:45 PM, Cemetery

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

 **4:30 PM**

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SUN., AUG. 16
4 P.M.

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Celebrant:
Father Lalo



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Mass Intentions and Readings

SATURDAY AUGUST 1		THURSDAY AUGUST 6	
5:00 PM	✚August and Josephine Dravet	7:00 AM	✚Raymond Pawlicki
SUNDAY AUGUST 2 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY		FRIDAY AUGUST 7	
IN ORDINARY TIME		7:00 AM	✚Gerald and John Verdeyen
7:30 AM	✚David Sarros ✚Norma Dobrzynski ✚Kyle Arnold	SATURDAY AUGUST 8	
9:30 AM	✚David Novak	8:00 AM	✚Burton Barrientez Jr.
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	4:00 PM	✚Helen Frantz
MONDAY AUGUST 3		SUNDAY AUGUST 9 NINETEENTH SUNDAY	
7:00 AM	✚Donald Bohling	IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY AUGUST 4		7:30 AM	For an End to Abortion On Demand and a Conversion of Heart for Those Who Provide Abortions
7:00 AM	✚Charles Novak Jr. Ruth and Ross Haller 55 th Wedding Anniversary	9:30 AM	✚Mary Grehan ✚Mattie Mannion Jr. ✚John LaMagdeleine
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5		11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	✚Paul Van Sickle	✚ indicates deceased	

Reflections...

The Word

(Readings for August 9, 2026, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Elijah the prophet heard the Lord's voice not in wind, not in an earthquake nor in fire, but in a tiny whisper. When he heard the Lord, Elijah hid his face in his cloak, overcome with awe.
- II. Romans 9:1-5
Paul wrote that he would willingly accept being separated from the Christ for the sake of his fellow Israelites, from whom came the Messiah.
- III. Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus walked on the water. He called to Peter in the boat with the other disciples. Peter stepped out on the water until his faith faltered and he began to sink. Then Jesus stretched out His hand to save Peter.



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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